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Applicant electronically submitted an Information Disclosure Statement on November 22, 2003 that contains references that pertain to another patent. As the references cited therein are completely unrelated to the subject invention, applicant respectfully submits that the Information Disclosure Statement should be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

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A list of the foreign patent enclosed herewith is set forth on the attached single page form.

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